

2 March 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. R. Blandford
House Armed Services Committee

SUBJECT: CIA Interest in Admission of Aliens.

1. Reference is made to Section 8 of H.R. 2663, as amended and reported by the full Committee of the House Armed Services Committee, which section deals with the admission of 100 aliens a year into the United States.

2. This Section as reported has the full support both of the Committee and this Agency. It should be pointed out that the purpose of this Section is one intimately tied into the national intelligence mission, and is not in any way connected with the broad humanitarian proposals involving general immigration legislation dealing with quotas, displaced persons and other applicants for entry into the United States.

3. Through a misconception that this Section deals primarily with problems of substantive immigration, the House Judiciary Committee has made it known that they propose to move to strike the Section from the bill when it reaches the Floor, and have the whole matter referred to their Committee for further study. As the Section is not basically one which would come within normal immigration legislation, but deals with policy matters which come exclusively within the jurisdiction of the Armed Services Committee, we wish to maintain this Section in the CIA legislation as reported from the Armed Services Committee.

4. The Central Intelligence Agency has a highly specialized interest in the admission to the United States of a very limited number of aliens (100 per year). The problem has been discussed with the Department of State, representatives of the Displaced Persons Commission, and officials of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and it was the unanimous agreement of all concerned that no present or proposed general legislation for the admission of aliens would adequately fulfill CIA's needs. The

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

SUBJECT: Comments received by the House Armed Services Committee on proposed CIA legislation.

1. The House Armed Services Committee has received a telegram addressed to its Chairman, Congressman Vinson, dated 23 February, from Mr. George Perinsky, Executive Secretary of the American Slav Congress. The Congress is on the Attorney General's subversive list. The letter urges the Committee not to approve the CIA bill, and is quite vituperative, indicating that a Committee which passed this bill had sunk to the ultimate degradation and was an insult to the liberal forces which have helped to build America, particularly those of Slavic origin.

2. A three-page telegram, dated 24 February, from New York City was received from a Mr. James K. Gilderdes, indicating that he knew of no public trust in CIA comparable to that of J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI. He indicated that the powers and secrecy granted CIA in the bill were not warranted by the organization, and that the Committee should not approve it. It contains long and laudatory plugs for the FBI and Mr. Hoover.

3. There is a telegram from Mr. August L. Roberts of Remsen, New York, urging approval of the bill, and suggesting that the law include for the 100 aliens a year a guarantee of employment for them as a reward and extra compensation.

4. There is a letter from Mr. John H. Bowman, Jr., of the law firm of Crenshaw, Hansell, Ware & Brandon, of Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Bowman stated that he has only written his Congressman once before, but felt that the principles of the CIA bill were so sound and essential that he wished to urge its passage.

Walter L. Pforzheimer

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : **The Honorable John W. McCormack**

FROM : **Walter L. Pforzheimer**

SUBJECT:

This is forwarded to you pursuant to conversation on Friday with Admiral Hillenbrand.

25 February 1944

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1. Section 8 of H.R. 2663, as amended and reported by the full Committee of the House Armed Services Committee, reads as follows:

"Whenever the Director and the Attorney General shall determine that the entry of a particular alien into the United States for permanent residence is in the interest of national security or essential to the furtherance of the national intelligence mission, such alien and his immediate family shall be given entry into the United States for permanent residence without regard to their inadmissibility under the immigration or any other laws and regulations, or to the failure to comply with such laws and regulations pertaining to admissibility; provided, that the number of aliens and members of their immediate families entering the United States under the authority of this section shall in no case exceed one hundred persons in any one fiscal year."

2. This Section as reported has the full support of both of the Committee and this Agency. It should be pointed out that the purpose of this Section is intimately tied into the national intelligence mission and is not in any way connected with the broad humanitarian proposals involving general immigration legislation dealing with quotas, displaced persons and other applicants for entry into the United States.

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